

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Kendrew Colton on 6/4/08.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 17) A method for determining whether a subject with neuroblastoma has stage 4s neuroblastoma, the method comprising detecting the presence or absence of the nucleic acid set forth in SEQ ID NO:1 in the Sequence Listing from a clinical tissue sample of neuroblastoma, wherein the presence of SEQ ID NO:1 indicates that the subject has stage 4s neuroblastoma, and ~~—according to claim 11,~~ wherein the presence of the nucleic acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:1 is detected by a diagnostic agent comprising the isolated nucleic acid probe according to claim 5.

Claim 18) A method for determining whether a subject with neuroblastoma has stage 4s neuroblastoma, the method comprising detecting the presence or absence of the nucleic acid set forth in SEQ ID NO:1 in the Sequence Listing from a clinical tissue sample of neuroblastoma, wherein the presence of SEQ ID NO:1 indicates that the subject has stage 4s neuroblastoma, and ~~—according to claim~~

~~11~~, wherein the presence of the nucleic acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:1 is detected by a diagnostic kit comprising one pair of the primers according to claim 8.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SEAN E. AEDER whose telephone number is (571)272-8787. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F: 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Larry Helms can be reached on 571-272-0832. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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